Case **INVAT-098A**

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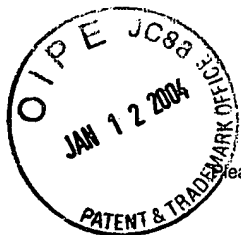
Applicants:	**James D. Castillo**	)
	Mike Castillo	) Group No.: **Unknown**
	Bernhard Leitner	)
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Serial No.:	10/727,006	)
		) Examiner: Unknown
Filing Date:	**December 3, 2003**	)
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Application Number	10/727,006
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First Named Inventor	James D. Castillo
Group Art Unit	Unknown
Examiner Name	Unknown

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